

## **DRUG POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** August 9, 2012

**Place:** Pape State Office Building, Room 125

**Called to Order:** August 9, 2012 at 1:04 pm

**Adjourned:** August 9, 2012 at 2:30 pm

**Present:** Chairman Steven Lukan, Katrina Carter (by phone), Barb Anderson (for Cyndy Erickson), Kevin Winker, Kevin Frampton, Hon. Thomas Bower, Paul Stageberg, Vern Armstrong, Kathy Stone, Todd Thoeming, David Lorenzen, Joel Byford (for Warren Hunsberger), Jane Larkin, Stephan Arndt, Col. Thomas Staton, Dale Woolery, and Susie Sher

**Absent:** Brian Vos, Christina Wilson, Steve Larson, Mike Lashbrook,

**Excused:** Jennifer Benson

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chairman Lukan called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

Chairman Lukan provided a welcome.

All present provided introductions.

### **Approval of the May 10, 2012 minutes**

Paul moved to accept the May meeting minutes. David seconded. Approved.

### **ODCP Status**

Chairman Lukan provided a status update on the Office of Drug Control Policy. He discussed the upcoming move, changes in staff, and the upcoming National DEC Conference.

### **Listening Post Discussion**

Chairman Lukan discussed upcoming “town hall” style listening posts that will be conducted by ODCP in partnership with local agencies, media, and interested partners. Locations being planned include Clinton, Council Bluffs, and Waterloo/Cedar Falls. He called on the Council for ideas and suggestions. David Lorenzen stated that he would like to get Director Lukan in front of their Board at a meeting in September. Judge Bower stated he lives in Cedar Falls and would like to be at the listening post being held there on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Strategy Discussion**

The Council was advised that the Iowa Drug Control Strategy will be prepared soon. Col. Staton asked how closely we will mesh with the National Strategy or if ours will be focused on Iowa. Chairman Lukan said we will use the National Strategy as a guide but will focus mainly on Iowa issues. Kevin Winker stated that prescription drugs and synthetics are emerging issues but that meth is still number one in the state and we need to address that. Council discussed meth, marijuana, and heroin use as top issues. Kathy asked if there is room in the Strategy to look at the increase in heroin, meth, synthetics, and marijuana in a different way. She suggested collecting data from other sources than our typical “data” sources and thinking about lessons learned and a bigger picture understanding of the impact on all agencies. She suggests a combination of hard data, soft data, and anecdotes. Council discussion followed.

### **Current Issues**

Chairman Lukan discussed his recent trip to the NCJA Conference and national issues including linking data, youth crime, medical marijuana, heroin, and NPLeX. Dale discussed PMP usage. Council discussion of PMP followed.

### **Agency/Organization Updates**

Chairman Lukan updated the Council that Congressional understanding of the Byrne-JAG program was improving and it is gaining good traction. Vern stated they are working on a new RFP for drug testing in child abuse cases. Joel stated that summers are slow for them, but this year it has been busy. They’ve had a record number of applications and inquiries and a record number of people seeking help. Kathy discussed the mental health redesign and said the

Iowa Youth Survey is in process. Kevin Frampton discussed bath salts being a big issue here in the state and gave an example of an Eastern Iowa business making a huge profit off them. Col. Staton discussed a 46% reduction in counterdrug funding for the Guard. He also discussed reductions and reorganization in his staff. He is also hosting Congressional Staffers August 17<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Jane discussed the upcoming Blunt Truth Symposium and provided a handout. She also said Story County is looking at doing a social host ordinance. Council discussion on medical marijuana followed. Steve Arndt stated that the Consortium is doing well and discussed some grants. He mentioned brief intervention can lead to a 50% reduction in amount of drug use up to a year later. He stated it is not stopping use but reducing regression. Paul discussed some grant updates and provided an update on CJPJ's status. Katrina discussed prison population being down and lower risk offenders returning to communities. She also discussed a co-occurring disorders outpatient program in the 1<sup>st</sup> District. Dale mentioned the National DEC Conference coming to Des Moines, updated the Council on the new synthetic drug laws, and asked for anyone on the Council with ideas for legislative proposals to let ODCP know.

### **Adjourn**

Next meeting November 8, 2012. There being no other business, Paul moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 pm. Kathy seconded. Adjourned.



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Susie Sher



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Steven Lukan, Chair